

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to bring this case to issue without delay.

Applicants wish to reiterate their claim to the benefit of their German priority date of 23 June 2003 pursuant to the International Convention. A certified copy of German Patent Application 10328302.1 filed 23 June 2003 has been made of record as part of Applicants' PCT/DE 2004/001262 filed 17 June 2004 of which the instant application is the Us National Phase. The Examiner has already acknowledged Applicants' perfected right of priority.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication in paragraph 5 of the office action that her search of the prior art has turned up no references that either anticipate or render obvious the present invention.

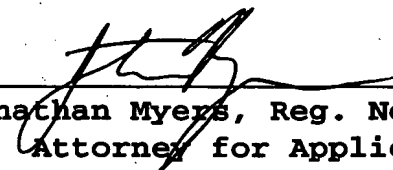
In paragraph 3 of the office action the Examiner has given Applicants a number of rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, of the claims, as indefinite. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 2 to respond to paragraph 3, parts (a) through (h) of the office action. It is believed that all of the claims are now in full compliance with the requirements of the statute. Antecedent basis for the amendments to claim 1, part (b) and claim 2, part (b) may be found in the specification on page 9, line 3. Antecedent basis for the amendment to claim 2, part (g) may be found in the specification on page 10, line 18. Applicants wish to

retain the broad language "comprising" in both claims 1 and 2 and note that ingredients (a) through (h) can add up to 100% of the composition, but do not necessarily have to add up to 100% of the composition. Applicants intentionally used the word "comprising" to make it clear that the claims may optionally include further ingredients besides those specified in parts (a) through (h).

Applicants agree with the Examiner's statement in paragraph 4 of the office action.

Applicants believe that all claims now presented are in condition for allowance and a response to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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